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Twenty-Fourth Sunday of the Year [B]

15th September 2024

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Mustard Seeds

✠ Noah in Britain

And we thought we had problems! If Noah had lived in Britain in the last ten years, the story may have gone something like this: And the Lord spoke to Noah and said, "In one year, I am going to make it rain and cover the whole earth with water until all flesh is destroyed. But I want you to save the righteous people and two of every kind of living thing on earth. Therefore, I am commanding you to build an Ark." In fear and trembling, Noah took the plans and agreed to build the ark. "Remember," said the Lord, "you must complete the Ark and bring everything aboard in one year." Exactly one year later, fierce storm clouds covered the earth and all the seas of the earth went into a tumult. The Lord saw that Noah was sitting in his front yard weeping. "Noah!" He shouted. "Where is the Ark?" "Lord, please forgive me," cried Noah. "I did my best, but there were big problems. First, I had to get a permission for construction, and your plans did not meet the building regulations. I had to hire an engineering firm and redraw the plans. Then I got into a fight with Health and Safety over whether or not the Ark needed a sprinkler system and approved floatation devices. Then, my neighbour objected, claiming I was violating planning permission by building the Ark in my front garden, so I had to get a second application form from the town planning department. Then, I had problems getting enough wood for the Ark because there was a ban on cutting trees to protect the local wildlife. I finally convinced the Forestry Commission that I really needed the wood to save the wildlife. However, the RSPCA won't let me take the two owls. The carpenters talked to their union and went on strike. I had to negotiate a settlement with the Labour Relations Board before anyone would pick up a saw or hammer. Now, I have sixteen carpenters on the Ark, but still no owls. When I started rounding up the other animals, an animal rights group sued me. They objected to me taking only two of each kind aboard. This suit is pending. Meanwhile, the Department of the Environment notified me that I could not complete the Ark without filing an environmental impact statement on your proposed flood. They didn't take very kindly to the idea that they had no jurisdiction over the conduct of the Creator of the Universe. Then, the COBRA Emergency Task Force demanded a map of the proposed flood. I sent them a globe. Right now, I am trying to resolve a complaint filed with the Equal Opportunity Department that I am practicing discrimination by not taking atheists aboard. The Inland Revenue has seized my assets, claiming that I'm building the Ark in preparation to flee the country to avoid paying taxes. I just got a notice from the Council that I owe them some kind of extra tax and failed to register the Ark as a 'recreational water vehicle.' And finally, the Town Hall got the courts to issue an injunction against further construction of the Ark, saying that since God is flooding the earth, it's a religious event and therefore unconstitutional. I really don't think I can finish the Ark



for another five or six years." Noah waited. The sky began to clear, the sun began to shine, and the seas began to calm. A rainbow arched across the sky. Noah looked up hopefully, "You mean you're not going to destroy the earth, Lord?" "No," He said sadly. "I don't have to. The Government already has."

Twenty-Fourth Week of the Year [B]

St Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossan www.saintpeterinchains.co.uk www.stbrideschurch.co.uk Father Duncan McVicar assisted by Sr Ursula, Sr Anna & Canon Matt McManus (Retired) Please note all Masses in St. Peter's are Live Streamed. Masses may be subject to change.		Fr. Duncan McVicar assisted by Fr. Gerry Hamill (Retired)	www.stevenstonstjohns.com www.rcsaltcoats.com Canon Martin Poland assisted by Sr Ursula, Sr Anna & Canon Matt McManus (Retired)	
		St Bride's	St. John's	St. Mary's
Saturday 14 th September	24th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B) (Blessing of Crosses at Mass) Vigil Mass 5.30pm <i>Offered for Beryl Meechan (RD)</i>			Vigil Mass 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 15 th September	24th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B) (Blessing of Crosses at Mass) Mass 10.30am <i>Offered for our Parishes</i>	Mass 12.15pm	Mass 11.30am (L)	Mass 10am (L)
Monday 16 th September	FEAST OF ST NINIAN Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Jim Conlan (A)</i>			
Tuesday 17 th September	24th WEEK OF THE YEAR Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass 10am <i>Offered for June (Hollywood) Trundle (RD), Anne (Nancy) Sheehan (A)</i>	No Mass Today		Mass 10am (L)
Wednesday 18 th September	24th WEEK OF THE YEAR Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Kath McAlpine (RD)</i>	Mass 10am	Mass 10am (L)	
Thursday 19 th September	MEMORIAL OF ST JANUARIUS Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass 10am <i>Offered for James Barton (RD)</i>			Mass 10am (L)
Friday 20 th September	MEMORIAL OF ST ANDREW KIM TAE-GON AND PAUL CHONG HA-SANG & COMPANIONS Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass 10am <i>Offered for Nan Ludden (B)</i> Benediction 10.30am (<i>Refreshments in St Peter's Caf� afterwards</i>)	Mass 10am	Mass 10am (L)	
Saturday 21 st September	25th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B) Vigil Mass 5.30pm <i>Offered for Joe McIver (BR), Ronnie Cairns (A)</i>			Vigil Mass 4.30pm (L)

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS
THIS WEEK**

*Tony Smith, David McMahan,
Francis Adie, Michael McCulloch, Jim Donnelly,
Rosemary Smith, Alan & Margaret McDonald, Jim Timoney,
Jim McEwan, David McSorley, Nancy Watson, Edward McAuley.*

✚ Those who have died recently:

Kath McAlpine, June Trundle n e Hollywood, James Barton (Glasgow).

✚ Those who died at this time of Year:

*Anne (Nancy) Sheehan, Joe Brady junior 1999, Joseph Brady 2006,
Elizabeth Cawley 1997, Frances Giblin 2017, John Marshall 2000,
Patrick Joseph O'Hare 1955, Thomas White 1995, Jim Conlan 2023,
Mathew Folan 1994, Tom Howieson 2007, Walter Jones 1985,
James Lawson 1992, Kathleen Mullin 2012, Hugh Donohoe 2008,
George Hall 2007, Alison Lawson n e Giebler 2015,
Frances McLaughlin 2008, Mary McLellan 2004, Brian Loy 2014,
Victor and Charlotte Mitchell, Joshua O'Neill 2017, Jim Vernon 2014,
Cornelius Burke 1988, Chris Glenn 2011, Patrick Joseph McKay 1989,
Eamon Lennon junior, Margaret Finnegan 2010, Greta Foran 2002,
Sister Pauline Cross and Passion 1999, Father Alastair Tosh 2007,
Patricia Trainer 2002, Ronnie Cairns 2018, Mary McKernon 2007,
Emilio Forbes 2011, Catherine McLaughlin 1998.*

ST. PETER'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection

8th Sept. 2024:  571.18

Second Collection (Building Fund):  287.57

ST. BRIDE'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Cash Collection

8th September 2024:  171.00

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support and generosity!**

Notable Date

On 18th September 2007

Father Alistair Tosh died.

St. Bride's & St. Peter's Notices

► **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AT ST BRIDE'S** We welcome to the Family of the Church Elora Maeve Busby, who was baptised last Sunday. Congratulations to her parents and Godparents.

► **SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE AT ST PETER'S** We are delighted to announce the Weddings of two couples within the last week. Blane Gordon McMillan and Emma Catherine Carter who were married on Thursday 12th September. Also Darrell McKellar and Megan Rider, who were married on Friday, 13th September. We wish both couples a "love for a lifetime".

► **RETIRED PRIESTS FUND** This weekend 15th & 16th September 2024 we will take up the special collection for the Retired Priest Fund. As always, we would like to thank you for your continued generosity.

► **ST BRIDE'S MONTHLY DRAW** Congratulations to Margaret McCallum (no 22) who wins £29 in this month's draw. It's not too late to buy your Monthly Draw ticket, October to August will only cost you £11. You've got to be in it to win it!

► **ST BRIDE'S SSVP** Thank you to everyone who handed in tea and coffee for the larder.

► **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING - ST BRIDE'S** The "How can I help?" Sheets are now coming in. If you would like to hand one in still, please do so this weekend and we will take the next step at the coming Pastoral Council Meeting in the Community Room at 7pm on Monday 14th October.

► **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL - ST PETER'S** A few new and exciting initiatives on the horizon. Please put them in your diary and give them your support. On Thursday, 26th September Prize Bingo Afternoon, from 1pm until 3pm in St Peter's Centre.

On Thursday, 21st November Flower Decoration Afternoon from 1pm until 3pm in St Peter's Centre. There is an initiative to start a Bible Sharing Group. The first Meeting would be on Thursday, 10th October from 7pm until 8pm, in the Presbytery. Also a Retreat afternoon for the beginning of Advent on Saturday, 30th November, from 3.30pm until 5pm in St Peter's Centre. The next Meeting of the Pastoral Council will be on Thursday, 31st October at 7pm.

► **REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS AT ST PETER'S** We got off to a great start on Sunday 1st September with the re-start of refreshment after Mass. The SVP have offered to provide refreshments on the first Sunday of every month. Students from St Matthew's Academy, with their teacher Siobhan McNally, will be also be preparing refreshments on Sunday 29th September after Mass. This is part of a project called "Hospitality Skills for Work" and any proceeds from the teas and coffees would go to supporting the school partnership with Milawi in East Africa. Please support these great initiatives!

► **ST BRIDE'S - BIG "THANK YOU" TO SISTER ROSEMARY** Sister Rosemary was able to arrange for us some very beautiful and necessary items for the celebration of the Liturgy at St Bride's. We have received priest's vestments, lectern covers, cruets, candles, and two beautiful chalices... I am very grateful to Sister Rosemary for all the generosity and keeping St Bride's in mind... a big "Thank You"!

► **ST PETER'S KNIT & KNATTER** The Knit & Knatter Group meet in the Snug in the Parish Centre every Wednesday from 1:00 - 3:00pm. New members are very welcome.

SUNDAY MISSAL – PRE ORDER

We can now order the Order of the Mass for Sundays Missal with the new ESV-CE Lectionary Translation and the Abbey Psalms. The normal cost is £19 but we will be offering at a cost of **£16**. To order a Sunday Missal, put your name on the envelope provided in the church stall and please ensure you enclose payment. *Thank you.*

BLESSING OF OUR HOUSE CROSSES

Saturday 14th September is the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Please bring any crosses you have on the wall at home and place them on the altar, or in front of the altar, and they will receive a special blessing at the Vigil Mass in St Peter's and at the Sunday Mass in St Peter's/St Bride's. Through the crucifix in our homes, we remind ourselves that our home is a Holy Place and we need God's love and protection.

2024 NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO PRAY FOR THE BEATIFICATION OF THE VENERABLE MARGARET SINCLAIR.

Venerable Margaret Sinclair Pilgrimage St Patrick's Church, Cowgate, Edinburgh on Sunday 22nd September 2024 from 12.30–1.30pm. Goods and Candles for Sale, Tea & Coffee; 1.30–2.30pm Holy Hour (Exposition, Rosary, Benediction, Confessions); 2.45–3.15pm Individual Priestly Blessings at the Shrine of the Venerable Margaret Sinclair; 3.30–4.15pm Reflection on the Venerable Margaret Sinclair, Novena Prayers, Presentation from Pupils of Sinclair Academy; 4.30pm Holy Mass

R.C.I.A.

Anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith or joining the Church should contact the parish office or Father Duncan.

Just for a Laugh... 😄 😄 😄

An elderly woman had just returned to her home from an evening at the Vigil Mass when she was startled by an intruder. As she caught the man in the act of robbing her home of its valuables, she yelled, 'Stop -Acts 2:38!' ("turn from your sin".) The burglar stopped dead in his tracks. The woman calmly called the police and explained what she had done. As the officer cuffed the man to take him in, he asked the burglar, 'Why did you just stand there? All she did was yell a scripture to you.' 'Scripture?' replied the burglar, 'She said she had an AXE and two 38's!'

At the Scottish wedding reception

the D.J. yelled...

"Would all married men please stand
next to the one person who has made
your life worth living!"

The bartender was almost crushed to death!



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